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FROM LOSDEL

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SUBJECT: NEXT SESSION LOS CONFERENCE

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1. AS CONFERENCE ATTENTION TURNS TOWARD SUBJECT OF VENUE AND
TIMING OF NEXT SESSION, PHILIPPINES DELEGATION HAS
PRIVATELY PROPOSED TO OTHER DELS (NOT US) HOLDING NEXT SESSION
IN MANILA EARLY IN 1977, EG. JANUARY. THOUGH CHARACTERIZED
AS INFORMAL INVITATION, PHILIPPINES REP REPORTEDLY RAISED
MATTER IN ASIAN GROUP MEETING, APRIL 29, STRONGLY ADVOCATING
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DESIRABILITY OF HOLDING MEETING OF CONFERENCE IN ASIA,

AS WELL AS DEVELOPING COUNTRY CAPITAL.

2. PHILIPPINES PROPOSAL WAS SUPPORTED BY INDONESIA, AND, THOUGH OTHER ASIAN GROUP MEMBERS DID NOT SPEAK IN FAVOR, IT MIGHT BE DIFFICULT FOR THEM TO DIRECTLY OPPOSE PHILIPPINE INVITATION IF IT WERE FORMALLY EXTENDED.

3. PHILIPPINE MOVE, WHATEVER THE INTENT, WOULD KILL IDEA OF SECOND SESSION OF CONFERENCE THIS YEAR AND THUS RUNS DIRECTLY COUNTER TO US POSITION ON CONFERENCE SCHEDULING SET FORTH IN SECRETARY'S SPEECH (REFTEL. FAILURE TO HOLD SECOND SESSION THIS YEAR WILL GREATLY INCREASE CHANCES OF US LEGISLATION ON DEEP SEABED MINING WHICH COULD KILL ANY CHANCES OF A SUCCESSFUL CONFERENCE AND LEAD TO A COLOSSAL ROW BETWEEN US AND LDC'S IN MANILA. IT SHOULD BE BORNE IN MIND THAT US IS NOT REPEAT NOT AUTHORIZED TO RECOGNIZE ARCHIPELAGO EXCEPT IN CONTEXT OF ACCEPTABLE MULTILATERAL LOS TREATY. IN ADDITION, GOP MOTIVATION MAY REFLECT SUB-STANTIVE VIEWS ON ARCHIPELAGO QUESTION. HOLDING SESSION IN MANILA WOULD PROVIDE FORUM FOR GOP TO PROSELYTIZE ITS EXTREME ARCHIPELAGO POSITION. WE THEREFORE CONSIDER IT ESSENTIAL TO HEAD OFF PHILIPPINE EFFORT IMMEDIATELY, AND RECOGNIZE DELICATE PROBLEM WE FACE BECAUSE OF US-PHILIPPINE RELATIONS. ACCORDINGLY, WE BELIEVE AMEMBASSY MANILA IS IN BEST POSITION TO DEVISE TACTIC TO HEAD OFF GOP.

4. SOVIET DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER KOZYREV, WHO IS SUPPORTING US DESIRE TO HAVE SECOND SESSION THIS SUMMER TO WRAP UP TREATY, RAISED PHILIPPINE PROBLEM WITH US. IF PHILIPPINES PERSIST, HE MAY SUSPECT THAT US IS BEHIND PHILIPPINE MANEUVER, AND THAT SECRETARY'S SPEECH WAS MERELY INTENDED AS A COVER TO JUSTIFY US UNILATERAL MINING LEGISLATION WHILE MANEUVERING FOR CONFERENCE REFUSAL TO HOLD SECOND SESSION THIS YEAR.

5. US DEL NOTES THAT MOST FOREIGN DELS WOULD HAVE POOR FACILITIES AND COMMUNICATIONS IN MANILA, THUS REDUCING LIKELIHOOD OF WRAPPING UP TREATY. IN BRIEF, UNDER US DESIRED SCENARIO - WRAP UP SUBSTANCE THIS SUMMER AND SIGN CONFIDENTIAL

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BY EARLY 77 AT LATEST (VENEZUELA IS ALREADY SLATED FOR SIGNING SESSION) - THERE IS IN FACT NO REPEAT NO LIKELY ROLE FOR A PHILIPPINE SESSION.

6. REQUEST DEPARTMENT AUTHORIZE AMEMBASSIES MANILA AND JAKARTA TO TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO PROTECT SECOND SESSION IN GENEVA OR NY THIS SUMMER, BEARING IN MIND THAT IF SUCCESSFUL WE WOULD PROCEED FROM SUMMER SESSION TO CARACAS IN LATE

1976 OR EARLY 1977 TO SIGN TREATY.

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